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**Request
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Continued Examination (RCE)
Transmittal**

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Application Number	09/886,954
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First Named Inventor	Maureen J. Charron
Art Unit	1642
Examiner Name	Gary B. Nickol, Ph.D.
Attorney Docket Number	96700/667

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on June 30, 2004
 - ii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply (Preliminary Communication)
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other cover letter and return receipt postcard

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. **Fees**

- The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to
- a. Deposit Account No. 01-1785
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other Any required fee to preserve the pendency of the application
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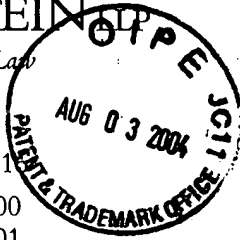
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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/886,954
Title: NOVEL GLUCOSE TRANSPORTER/SENSOR PROTEIN
AND USES THEREOF
Inventors: Maureen J. Charron and Ellen B. Katz
Our File: 96700/667

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following documents for filing with the above-identified utility patent application in the names of Maureen J. Charron and Ellen B. Katz, entitled "NOVEL GLUCOSE TRANSPORTER/SENSOR PROTEIN AND USES THEREOF," including the following:

1. Request for Continued Examination Transmittal (1 page);
2. Preliminary Communication (2 pages);
3. Check in the amount of \$385.00; and
4. a return receipt postcard.

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Please acknowledge receipt of the enclosed papers by stamping the enclosed postcard and returning the same to us.

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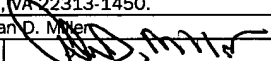
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PRELIMINARY COMMUNICATION

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Sir:

A Final Office Action was issued on June 16, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. On June 30, 2004, applicants timely filed an Amendment in Response to the June 16, 2004 Final Office Action. On July 28, 2004, an Advisory Action was issued indicating that applicants' June 30, 2004 proposed amendments will not be entered because they raise new issues that would require further consideration by the Examiner. Applicants herewith file a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 in order to have the Examiner enter applicants' response filed June 30, 2004. The deadline for filing a Request for Continued Examination is September 16, 2004. Accordingly, this Preliminary Communication and Request for Continued Examination are being timely filed.

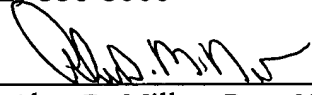
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No fee, other than the enclosed \$385.00 fee for filing a Request for Continued Examination for a small entity, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this response. However, if there are unanticipated fees required to maintain the pendency of this application, the PTO is authorized to withdraw those fees from Deposit Account 01-1785. Overcharges may also be credited to Deposit Account 01-1785.

Respectfully submitted,

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